

EXHIBIT F

CONCESSIONER CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR REHABILITATION, AND REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE PROJECT PROCEDURES

A. Introduction

This exhibit presents step-by-step procedures for the administration of Concessioner building projects (construction, major rehabilitation, and repair and maintenance projects) within the Area. Important terms are defined first. Project planning and design are presented second, followed by guidelines for project supervision. All projects undertaken by the Concessioner require a coordinated effort between the Concessioner and the Superintendent. This exhibit applies to the building of new structures or facilities, major rehabilitations, and the repair and maintenance ("R&M projects") of existing Concession Facilities that change the nature, appearance or value of existing Concession Facilities. Rehabilitation projects that are not major rehabilitations as defined in the Contract are considered as R&M projects. Facility operations, custodial and preventive maintenance and maintenance needed for facility operations are not considered R&M projects subject to these procedures. Repair and maintenance is also not to be considered as a project subject to these procedures when the activity does not change the nature, appearance or value of existing Concession Facilities. All projects must be proposed, approved, and accomplished under these procedures. In the event of any inconsistency between this exhibit and the main body of this CONTRACT and Exhibit A, the main body of the CONTRACT and Exhibit A will prevail.

In accordance with the Contract, only certain new construction and major rehabilitation projects may qualify for leasehold surrender interest (LSI). Following these administrative procedures for both LSI and non-LSI projects will enable National Park Service (NPS) to approve LSI, as well as to ensure that all requirements of law and NPS policy are undertaken with respect to any project.

In addition, these procedures will enable the appraisal of LSI to occur in an orderly way. The documentation collected and organized by the use of these guidelines will provide a record of decision or "paper trail" of project development and implementation that will assist the Area and Concessioner in future planning and facility appraisal.

All project activities shall be directed and managed as presented in the "Annual Construction and Repair and Maintenance Management Plan" (CMP). In addition to these activities, the CMP is also to present scheduled project development and

implementation, as presented below under Item C, Project Planning and Design, paragraph 1. Individual projects included in the CMP will be authorized by NPS through an approved Project Statement (PS).

Projects may be required to be reviewed under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended. Projects within historic and culturally significant areas may require certain building management methods established under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. All construction shall comply with codes and building requirements adopted by NPS, including without limitation and where applicable, the most recent International Building Code (IBC), National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) codes, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, and NPS management policies.

The Concessioner is responsible for all aspects of project development and implementation. The role of the NPS is to provide direction, authorization and oversight. The Concessioner and the Area staff must work closely together to successfully complete construction projects in a manner that achieves the goals and objectives of the Area and the NPS.

B. Definition of Terms

“Annual Construction and Repair and Maintenance Management Plan” (CMP): A written document presenting all construction, major rehabilitation and R&M projects to be undertaken by the Concessioner during the following calendar year after the final submittal date.

“Approved Project Documents”: Project drawings and specifications approved by the Park Superintendent and used by the Concessioner to direct a contractor in the type, size and quality of projects.

“Change Order”: A written agreement between the “Construction Supervisor” and the Contractor or Consultant that changes the contract documents or scope of project work as agreed upon contractually.

“Construction” : The removal or assembly of a building, road, utility or any other facility part or material that changes the nature, appearance, or value of that facility.

“Construction Supervisor”: A Concessioner employee designated to administer and coordinate day-to-day projects representing the interests of the Concessioner and NPS and assuring quality work is performed that meets the design and specifications of the

project. This person must have the authority to direct the contractor in any way that may change the contractual agreement between the Concessioner and the contractor.

“Conventional Design-Bid-Build Methods”: Construction developed and implemented under several separate agreements managed and coordinated directly by the Concessioner.

“Contact Person”: A Concessioner employee designated as the person to contact with regard to a specific matter, concern, or issue.

“Facilitator”: A Concessioner employee designated to have the role of providing structure and agendas for meetings with NPS and who records meeting discussions and outcomes.

“Guaranteed Maximum Price Design-Build Construction Methods”: An industry recognized type of construction where project consultants and contractors form an agreement to work as one entity providing facility construction in response to a developed request for proposal issued by the Concessioner. (Reference: Design Build Institute of America).

“Licensed Contractor”: An entity performing construction certified or licensed by the State to perform construction services within that State.

“Major Rehabilitation”: (Defined in the CONTRACT).

“Project Coordinator”: A Concession employee vested with the authority to direct consultants and contractors in the expenditure of construction and R&M funds.

“Project Statement” (PS): An agreement between NPS and the Concessioner approved by the Park Superintendent that authorizes the development and implementation of individual projects identified in a CMP.

“Registered Technical Professionals”: Architects, engineers, or any subject area expert either certified or licensed by the State to perform specialized services or certified by a widely recognized industry regulator held responsible for quality and standard application of technical subject matter.

“Substantially Complete”: (Defined in the CONTRACT).

“Total Project Cost”: The total of all actual project expenditures (invoiced and paid) for completion of a project.

“Total Project Price”: The total of all estimated project expenditures for completion of a project.

C. Project Planning and Design

(1) Submit an Annual Construction and Repair and Maintenance Plan (CMP). Before approval to proceed with any project is granted by NPS, the Concessioner must submit a CMP for implementation the following year. Some projects may require several years of planning and design before construction. The purpose of the plan is to identify the need and tentative scope of projects a complete year in advance of actual work to allow adequate time to prepare for project commencement. The CMP should include any intended projects. Projects shown in the plan must include at least a project title; project concept description; a brief statement of justification; and anticipated NEPA and Section 106 planning and compliance established in collaboration with NPS staff.

(2) Notify NPS of Intent-to-Proceed. The Concessioner shall formally notify the Park Superintendent in writing of intent to proceed with any facility planning, design and/or projects. The project must be identified in the CMP the calendar year before to assist the NPS in sequencing and scheduling necessary support staff. The time of notification shall be sufficiently in advance of any Concessioner budget formulation to assure the requirements of the Park Superintendent are included in the project scope before the project is funded.

(3) Identify a Project Coordinator. The Concessioner project coordinator must be identified for each project. This person should have the authority to obligate project expenditures and hire and direct consultants and contractors, and concessioner support staff.

(4) Prepare a proposed Project Statement (PS). Arrange and facilitate a project planning conference with NPS staff and prepare a proposed PS to be submitted to the Park Superintendent for review. The conference should be performed on the proposed project site, if needed.

(a) Conference goal and product. The primary goal of the conference is to clearly identify the project concepts and scope at sufficient detail to carry the project through to completion without significant deviation from an approved PS. The product of the

conference should be an approved PS prepared by the Concessioner resulting from collaboration between the Concessioner and the Park Superintendent.

(b) Project Statement Content. The PS shall include the following as a minimum: Project description; justification; scope of work, including NEPA and Section 106 planning and compliance; estimated Total Project Price; proposed schedule; milestones of NPS design review and third party project inspection and certification. The elements of the PS will function as check points of accountability and will vary in frequency and scope, contingent upon the nature, complexity and scope of the proposed project.

(c) Leasehold Surrender Interest. If the Concessioner seeks leasehold surrender interest as a result of a construction project, the Concessioner must request and receive the written approval of the proposed construction project by the Park Superintendent in accordance with the terms of this leasehold surrender interest concession contract. An estimate of the amount of leasehold surrender interest shall be identified in advance if the Concessioner requests leasehold surrender interest. The estimated leasehold surrender interest costs shall be separately identified as part of the Total Project Price and substantiated, if requested, with written and competitively acquired price proposals or construction contracts. Not all projects qualify for LSI. LSI is only granted under the terms of this CONTRACT, including, without limitation, its Exhibit A.

(d) Methods of Establishing the Expected Value of Leasehold Surrender Interest. A number of methods are available to estimate the Concessioner's leasehold surrender interest as long as eligible direct and indirect costs are specified. The methods of identifying the expected value of leasehold surrender interest include guaranteed maximum price design-build construction methods, conventional design-bid-build methods, and construction price estimates professionally prepared by subject area experts.

(e) Professional Services and Construction. The Concessioner must assure the Area in its project statement that for any project requiring professional services, such services shall be acquired from appropriate registered technical professionals. Licensed contractors shall perform all project work unless otherwise approved in writing by the Superintendent. The Concessioner shall provide for registered technical professionals to perform project inspection and/or facility certification, or any other service needed for project implementation at the request of the Park Superintendent.

(f) NPS Operations. Any aspect of the proposed project where the scope of work interfaces with NPS operations such as utility service connections or road maintenance operations must be clearly identified in the PS.

(5) Submit Project Statement for NPS Review. The proposed PS shall be submitted in written correspondence from the Concessioner to the Park Superintendent requesting review. A PS signed by the Park Superintendent constitutes official authority for the Concessioner to continue further project development to the level specified in written correspondence from the Superintendent. The Concessioner may obtain authority to complete a project when sufficient planning and design has been completed to meet the interests of the Area. Projects that do not have the level of required planning are likely to receive only conceptual approval with authorization to proceed with further planning and/or design as required to assure Area objectives are met.

(a) Project Statements Containing Claims for Leasehold Surrender Interest. A PS must present an estimate of project expenditures to be claimed for LSI purposes. The eligibility of any expenditures for LSI will not be identified until all project planning is complete to the satisfaction of the Park Superintendent, including NEPA and Section 106 compliance, if required. An approved PS serves only as a guide for further project development to the level specified in the PS. The Park Superintendent shall only approve final LSI costs after project completion and written project close-out.

(b) Design Required for Leasehold Surrender Interest Eligibility and Value. The Park Superintendent may require an appropriate level of design to determine whether a project is eligible for LSI, and if so, its estimated cost. The level of project planning and design required may include completion of concept design, schematic design, or preliminary engineering design, to clearly identify the elements eligible for LSI. Some projects may require the completion of construction drawings and specifications before the proposed LSI is documented to the satisfaction of the Park Superintendent. All improvements for which LSI is claimed must be defined in record "as-built" construction drawings and specifications when the Concessioner submits its request for LSI at Project Close-out.

(6) Establish a Project File. A file of all project documents shall be held by the Concessioner as a chronological audit trail of all project decision-making activity for each project from concept development to completion and NPS acceptance. Each project shall be identified with a unique project number assigned by the Area. All documents entered into the file should have the project identification number clearly displayed on it as part of document identity.

(a) Leasehold Surrender Interest Project File. The Project File will become an LSI project file when the Concessioner requests approval of LSI. It shall be established and maintained by the Concessioner and shall include all of the documents identified in

section 6(C) of this Exhibit. This file shall be submitted at the time of Project Close-out to the Park Superintendent as the basis for the leasehold surrender interest request. As part of this file, the Concessioner must maintain auditable records of all expenditures attributable to each project and have them available for review if requested by NPS personnel. Invoices shall contain sufficient information to identify the tasks completed or products delivered as agreed upon in contracts presenting a full scope of work. The file shall clearly provide a "paper trail" between expenditures eligible for LSI purposes and the payment of those expenses.

(b) Typical Project File. The organization of a typical project file is presented in the following sections:

Section A. Project Statement. The approved PS, scope of work, and a copy of the notice-to-proceed letter, authorizing planning and design, sent to the Concessioner by the Park Superintendent should be filed in this section.

Section B. Planning. This section should contain documents pertaining to any project planning. Typical documents include those produced for NEPA and Section 106 compliance. Also contained in this section should be any concept design, preliminary design, or schematic design correspondence and documents. When the Park Superintendent grants approval for any of the above stages of project development, correspondence from the Park Superintendent should be filed in this section.

Section C. Assessment. This section should contain a record of any assessment performed during project implementation. Soil, vegetation, floodplain, structural, electrical assessments, for example, should be filed in this section. Any other existing site or facility investigative reports, and all quality assurance documents such as third party project inspection, testing and certification should also be filed in this section.

Section D. Design. This section should contain a record of documents produced and decisions made during the design phase of a project. The design phase typically occurs when project activity has shifted from conceptual discussion to organizing detailed direction provided to a contractor for construction. Correspondence from the Park Superintendent providing design approval should be in this section.

Section E. Project Work. This section should contain a record of decisions made during project work. The letter from the Park Superintendent granting notice-to-proceed with the project should be in this section. All contractor proposals, change-orders, design modification documents, daily construction activity records, weekly meeting minutes, etc. should be in this section. Documentation for larger projects should be organized

according to subcontractor activity or standard specification enumeration. The final document filed in this section should be the NPS correspondence sent to the Concessioner providing project acceptance and close-out.

Section F. Financial. This is a very important section where a copy of all contracts and contract modifications should be filed. It is important to assure that all expenditures are accounted for. All expenditures must have sufficient supporting documentation cross-referenced with documents in other file sections, if necessary. Monthly financial detail reports shall be prepared and filed in this section with copies of all project budget documents. This section must contain all correspondence supporting LSI with appropriate cross reference to other sections for clarity of the LSI "paper trail." (For example, cross reference tabs). Also contained in this section shall be a copy of the project acceptance and close-out letter from the Park Superintendent that specifies the amount of leasehold surrender interest, if any, applicable to the project.

Section G. Photo Documentation. Complete documentation, including before-and-after photos, records of any special situations or conditions requiring changes, documentation of methods used, etc., should be kept to support requests for LSI and to assist future maintenance and/or appraisal efforts. Photographic documentation is also usually required for modifications to "listed" historic structures. To be most useful, photos should be filed with the documents they support.

(7) Submit Resource Compliance Documents for Review and Approval. During development of the project statement, responsibility for compliance work will be established. The Concessioner must request the participation of NPS staff early in project planning to assure uninterrupted project implementation. Development of compliance documentation must occur as soon as possible. Every effort shall be made to perform compliance document preparation tasks concurrently with project planning and design.

(a) Historic/cultural compliance. Historic and cultural compliance document approval is required for property listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. Any undertaking affecting property listed shall be performed in accordance with The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation & Illustrated Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings". The Concessioner must document proposed actions using the "XXX Form" (available from the NPS) before any work occurs for any project that may affect a historic structure, historic district, cultural landscape, archeological site or historic object or furnishing. Compliance will usually require the preparation of at least "assessment of effect" drawings and specifications to the level of final documents if required. Compliance shall carry through to submission of the "Construction or R&M

Completion Report” for many projects where significant changes are made to the historic structure and/or landscape. Therefore, compliance document approval usually will not occur until after submission of project documents. In-park historic compliance review and approval will require at least several weeks from date of submittal. Where submittal is made to the State Historic Preservation Officer or the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, additional time will be required before approval may be given. This may be performed concurrently with approval of project documents.

(b) Ground disturbance. Where ground disturbance will take place submittal of drawings that show area and depth of proposed ground disturbance will be required. Submittal of this document early in project planning is recommended. All project documents that include soil disturbance shall have the following specification included within them:

“Petroglyphs, artifacts, burial grounds or remains, structural features, ceremonial, domestic, and archeological objects of any nature, historic or prehistoric, found within the project area are the property of and will be removed only by the Government. Should Contractor's operations uncover or his/her employees find any archeological remains, Contractor shall suspend operations at the site of discovery; notify the Government immediately of the findings; and continue operations in other areas. Included with the notification shall be a brief statement of the location and details of the findings. Should the temporary suspension of work at the site result in delays, or the discovery site require archeological studies resulting in delays of additional work for Contractor, he/she will be compensated by an equitable adjustment under the General Provisions of the contract.”

(c) Archeological Monitoring. Monitoring project activity is a requirement of cultural compliance when significant ground disturbance occurs during project work. Any cultural resource monitoring required shall be performed under the direction of the NPS. The NPS shall be notified sufficiently in advance of the need for a monitor and will assist the Concessioner in making arrangements for the services of an archeological monitor at the expense of the Concessioner, if the NPS is unable to provide the expertise.

(d) National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance. NEPA compliance document approval is required before any construction or R&M project occurs for any project that has an impact on the environment. Projects requiring compliance will be identified by the NPS early during project planning. The actual review period length may vary widely depending on the nature, scope, and complexity of the project elements that relate to resource compliance. Projects that have an insignificant effect on Area resources usually require a “categorical exclusion” determination--a process that may require sufficient extended lead-time from submittal of review documents. Projects having a


significant effect on Area resources or that are not part of other NEPA compliance documentation may also require a longer period of implementation.

(8) Submit Project Documents (PDs) for Review and Approval. The Concessioner shall submit PDs for review and approval to establish project activity for approval by the Superintendent. Approved PDs establish the full scope of the project and the quality of work to be performed by the Concessioner. The scope of the documents required will be identified in the PS. The scope and detail of the documents will vary depending on the nature and complexity of the project. "Manufacturer's cut-sheets" may be all that is required for some R&M projects, and for others, complete detailed drawings and specifications may be required. The Concessioner is responsible for the technical accuracy and completeness of PDs and shall provide the technical review as needed to assure compliance with all applicable federal, state and local statutes, codes, regulations and appropriate industry standards. Any exception to this will be by written authorization from the Superintendent.

(9) Submit a Project Estimate and Schedule. An estimate of the Total Project Price and completion schedule shall be submitted to the Superintendent before work begins. This is a revision of the Total Project Price and completion schedule estimated in the Project Statement. It is based on the best information available identified during project planning and design.

D. Project Management Procedures

(1) Identify a Project Supervisor. A Project Supervisor shall be identified and vested with the authority to direct the contractor on behalf of the Concessioner. The NPS will direct its communication concerning the nature and progress of day-to-day project activity to this person. This person should have full responsibility for assuring that all construction complies with the approved Project Documents and specified code compliance. The NPS should not take any responsibility for projects until Project Close-out and Acceptance when the NPS receives certification of completed work performed in compliance with Project Documents and all specified codes.

(2) Submit a  Project Price for Review.

(a) All projects completed under the terms of this Contract where LSI is requested shall include submittal of a Total Project Price in writing to the Superintendent for review.

(b) Where no LSI is requested, the Total Project Price is provided as an informational item. Formal approval by the Superintendent is not required.

(3) Notice-to-Proceed with a Project. A "Notice-to-Proceed" with a project will be issued when all submittals requested by the Park Superintendent have been reviewed and approved. The Notice-to-Proceed must be received by the Concessioner in writing before any project work occurs.

(4) Hold a Pre-Project Conference with the Contractor. The Concessioner shall arrange and facilitate a pre-project conference as needed or as requested by the NPS with the Contractor. The purpose of the conference is to provide the NPS the opportunity to meet the Contractor and confirm that the Contractor has full understanding and knowledge of all work to be performed. In addition, the conference provides the opportunity to confirm established communication linkages between the Concessioner, the Contractor and the NPS. Any questions the Contractor may have regarding any matter of the project or anything about Area access, rules and regulations may also be discussed.

(5) Submit Project Activity Reports (as required). A record of project activity shall be provided by the Concessioner on all approved projects. The scope and frequency of performing this documentation shall be identified upon submittal of PDs for Park approval. The Concessioner is responsible for the accuracy and completeness of all design and completed projects.

(a) Content. Project activity reports shall summarize daily project activity recording important observations and decisions. It shall also identify project expenditures to date if required for leasehold surrender interest purposes. The reports shall identify any changes to the approved PDs either by change order or any other variance from approved PDs. The NPS shall be notified immediately, if a change is likely to occur in the Total Project Price where the project involves LSI. (See discussion below for review and approval of change orders and contract modifications.)

(b) Regulatory code compliance and project inspection (as required). Inspection reports specifically addressing regulatory code compliance and adherence to PDs will be required, at the request of the Superintendent, during certain stages of the work. Independent industry certified inspectors or registered professional subject area experts shall perform all inspections and project component certification. Inspection reports shall be prepared that include all findings and results of code compliance inspection. Section and paragraph of applicable codes shall be referenced when deficiencies are noted. Recommendations presenting remediation shall accompany line item deficiencies in the report. All inspection reports shall be included in the final project completion report submitted before project acceptance by the Superintendent.

(6) Submit Requests for Changes in Approved Project Documents. The Superintendent's approval will be required before any significant changes are made to the project scope during the completion of projects, as identified in the approved PDs. The Concessioner shall provide the NPS with written notification immediately upon identifying the need for a change in project scope that effects any of the items listed below. The written notification shall include a request for change in the approved PDs complete with justification and explanation of effect of change on all other aspects of project design and work. Requests for any significant changes in the approved PDs shall be reported in project activity reports with attachment of any documentation requested. Changes in approved project scope during the work that will require review and approval of the Superintendent include the following:

- (a) Changes affecting natural, cultural and/or historic resources;
- (b) Changes in designated visual appearance;
- (c) Changes in the interface with NPS utility and/or road facility maintenance operations;
- (d) Changes in project scope and/or the estimated leasehold surrender interest, as required for facility improvement projects.
- (e) Proposed changes where natural or cultural/historic resources are involved may require a significant period of review depending on the complexity of the concern.

(7) Submittal of Change Orders for Review and Approval (for Leasehold Surrender Interest only). When one of the five factors listed above exists, the Concessioner shall submit, for the review and approval of the Park Superintendent, documentation justifying the proposed changes. The Concessioner shall also submit a revised Total Project Price for each proposed change, as needed, indicating the proposed change in estimated LSI. All change orders or any other means of directing the Contractor that may have the effect of increasing the Total Project Price will require the Park Superintendent's review and approval, if the project has LSI implications.

(8) NPS Project Inspection. The project will be inspected periodically by a representative of the Park Superintendent. The purpose of these inspections is not in lieu of or in any way a substitute for project inspection provided by the Concessioner. The responsibility to assure safe, accountable project activity and for providing the contractor with direction to fulfill the full scope of approved work is the responsibility of the Concessioner.

(9) Project Supervision Documents. Project drawings and specifications must be kept on the project site complete with any design or project modifications, in a well-organized form. The Construction Supervisor shall keep a current "red-line" copy of approved PDs updated daily showing any changes. In addition, a well-organized file of submittals required in the approved PDs and approved where required by professional Architects and/or Engineers must also be kept on the project site with the PDs for periodic inspection by NPS staff.

(10) Substantial Completion Inspection and Occupancy. Joint inspection by the NPS and the concessioner will occur upon notification that the project is substantially complete. A "punch list" of work items will be formulated and performed to "close-out" the project. The Superintendent, in writing will accept the project, when the "punch-list" items are completed. The Concessioner is not to occupy the facility until authorized in writing by the Park Superintendent.

(11) Requesting Approval of Leasehold Surrender Interest. Upon substantial completion of a project, as determined by the Park Superintendent, the Concessioner must provide the Superintendent a written schedule of requested LSI eligible costs incurred, which becomes the Concessioner's request for LSI approval. The project file, containing actual invoices and the administrative record of project implementation, must support these expenditures and shall be submitted to the Park Superintendent for review with the request. If requested by the Park Superintendent, the Concessioner shall also provide written certification from a certified public accountant regarding the LSI costs. The certification must comply with the requirements of Exhibit A of this Contract.

(12) Project Completion Report. Upon completion of any project, the Concessioner shall submit a Project Completion Report to the NPS. The completion report shall include the Total Project Cost; before-and-after photo documentation; warranties; operation and maintenance manuals, if required; all inspection and certification reports; and "as-constructed" drawings (see item section C(13) below). Projects where LSI is requested may require the submittal of any other similar documents deemed by the NPS necessary to establish complete project documentation. The level of documentation requested may also include adequate photo-documentation provided during construction to record significant unforeseen site and construction conditions resulting in changes to approved PDs and the approved Total Construction Price.

(13) "As-Constructed Drawings". The "as constructed" drawings included with the Project Completion Report for all projects shall be full-size archival quality prepared in

accordance with NPS management policies and must be submitted before project acceptance by the NPS. At least two half-size sets of drawings shall also be provided. The drawings establishing LSI shall provide a full and complete record of all “as-constructed” facilities including reproduction of approved submittals and manufacturer’s literature documenting quality of materials, equipment and fixtures in addition to a record set of project specifications approved for construction.

(14) Request Project Acceptance and Close-out by the Superintendent. The Concessioner shall request project acceptance by the Park Superintendent either at the time of submittal of the Project Completion Report or at any time thereafter. Project acceptance will be contingent upon fulfillment of all requested project completion work tasks and submittal of all project documentation in accordance with these guidelines and as requested by the NPS. Until receiving formal written project acceptance and close-out from the Park Superintendent, the Concessioner retains full responsibility for all project construction activity and liability for both completed and uncompleted work. For LSI projects, the project close-out letter issued by the Superintendent will specify the granted amount of LSI value resulting from the project.